

CARNIVAL AROUND THE WORLD

A2 KET - B1 Preliminary



Name: _____ Date: _____

Warm-up: Carnival

Answer about you. Tick ✓ or write one word.

1. I like festivals. Yes No
2. I like music and dancing. Yes No
3. I like wearing costumes. Yes No
4. I go to Carnival with my _____.
(friends / family)
5. My favourite festival is

Now compare with a partner:

- Do you like festivals?
- What is your favourite festival?



Match the word to the definition.

1. costume		A. many people together
2. parade		B. special clothes for a festival
3. mask		C. people walking and dancing in the street
4. music		D. something you wear on your face
5. crowd		E. sounds people dance to

Pre-reading: Guess the Carnival

Look at the pictures. Guess the carnival. Write **Rio**, **Venice** or **Cádiz**.



Now read the sentences and guess the carnival:

1. This carnival has samba music and big parades. _____
2. People wear masks and old-fashioned clothes. _____
3. People sing funny songs and make jokes. _____

Now answer:

Which carnival do you want to read about first? _____

Pre-reading: Where Does Carnival Come From?

Read the short text. Complete the gaps using the word box.

Word box: because in before	
Carnival started many years ago __ Europe. People celebrated Carnival __ Lent, a religious time. They wore costumes and ate special food __ they could not do this later.	

Now answer:

1. Is Carnival a modern festival? Yes No
2. Do you think Carnival is popular today? Yes No



Reading: (B1 Preliminary Part 6)

Carnival Around the World

Read the texts. Write ONE word in each gap.



Carnival in Rio (Brazil)

Rio Carnival is one of (1) __ biggest festivals in the world. It is (2) __ popular that millions of tourists visit every year. People wear colourful costumes and dance samba in the streets. If you visit Rio during Carnival, you (3) __ see big parades with music and dancers.

Carnival in Venice (Italy)

Venice Carnival is famous (4) __ its beautiful masks. People wear traditional clothes from the past and hide (5) __ faces behind masks. There is music, but it is quieter than in Rio.

Carnival in Cádiz (Spain)

Carnival in Cádiz is very popular in Spain. The costumes are creative and often homemade, (6) __ people enjoy making them together. People sing funny songs and make jokes about politics and daily life.



Reading Check: Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer.

- 1. Why do many tourists visit Rio during Carnival?**
A. Because the food is cheap
B. Because there are big parades and music
C. Because people wear masks
- 2. What is special about Venice Carnival?**
A. It is very loud and modern
B. People wear masks and traditional clothes
C. People sing funny songs
- 3. What do people in Cádiz Carnival do?**
A. They dance samba
B. They wear clothes from the past
C. They sing songs and make jokes

Speaking & Writing: My Favourite Carnival

<p>Complete the sentences with one or two words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. My favourite carnival is in <i>Rio / Venice / Cádiz</i>.2. People wear _____.3. I like it because it is _____	
<p>Now ask your partner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is your favourite carnival?2. What do people wear?3. Why do you like it?	

Classroom Survey: My Carnival Experience

Ask three classmates and complete the table.

- What costume would you like to wear?
- Which carnival city would you like to visit?

Name	Would like to wear... (costume)	Favorite Carnival city

Final Game: Design a Carnival

Imagine you are organising a new Carnival.

Complete the ideas below:

1. My carnival is in _____.
2. People wear _____ costumes.
3. There is _____ music.
4. People feel _____.

Draw your carnival and label two things.

Tell your partner about your carnival.



Answer Key & Teacher's Notes

Warm-up: My Carnival Experience

Vocabulary Exercise: Matching answers

- costume → B (special clothes for a festival)
- parade → C (people walking and dancing in the street)
- mask → D (something you wear on your face)
- music → E (sounds people dance to)
- crowd → A (many people together)

Pre-reading: Guess the Carnival

Venice	Cádiz	Río

Now read the sentences and guess the carnival:

1. This carnival has samba music and big parades. **Río**
2. People wear masks and old-fashioned clothes. **Venice**
3. People sing funny songs and make jokes. **Cádiz**

Pre-reading: Where Does Carnival Come From?

Word box answers:

1. **in**
2. **before**
3. **because**

Comprehension:

1. **Is Carnival a modern festival?** → No
2. **Is Carnival popular today?** → Yes (opinions accepted)

Reading: Carnival Around the World (Open Cloze)

1. the
2. so
3. will / can
4. for
5. their
6. because / and

Classroom Survey: My Carnival Experience

- Personal answers.
- Monitor for use of:
 - would like to wear
 - city names

Final Game: Design a Carnival

- No fixed answers.
- Focus on:
 - clarity of ideas
 - basic sentence structure
- Optional extension: students present their carnival to the class.